

Listing of Claims:

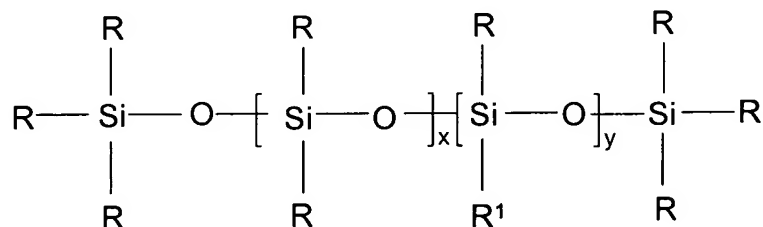
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-49. (Cancelled)

50. (Currently amended) A melt extrudable composition comprising:

one or more elastomeric styrenic block copolymers ~~polymers selected from the group consisting of styrenic triblock copolymers, styrenic tetrablock copolymers, and combinations thereof~~, wherein the elastomeric polymers constitute about 50 wt.% or more of the composition; and

one or more polyorganosiloxanes having the following formula:



wherein,

R is an alkyl radical;

R¹ is a monovalent organic radical comprising an ethylene oxide group, vicinal epoxy group, or amino group; and

x and y are independently selected from the group consisting of positive integers.

51. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein one or more of the elastomeric polymers has a styrenic endblock.

52. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the composition contains one or more styrenic triblock copolymers.

53. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 52, wherein the styrenic triblock copolymers are selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene block copolymers, and combinations thereof.

54. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the composition contains one or more styrenic tetrablock copolymers.

55. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 54, wherein the styrenic tetrablock copolymers are selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene-ethylene/propylene block copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene-ethylene/butylene block copolymers, and combinations thereof.

56. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the polyorganosiloxanes comprise from about 0.01 to about 0.5 wt.% of the composition.

57. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the polyorganosiloxanes comprise from about 0.01 to about 0.2 wt.% of the composition.

58. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the polyorganosiloxanes comprise from about 0.01 to about 0.1 wt.% of the composition.

59. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the elastomeric polymers comprise greater than about 75 wt.% of the composition.

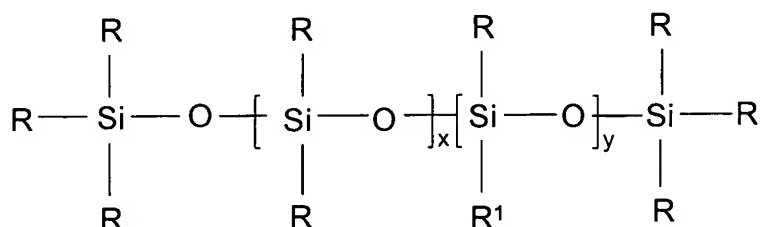
60. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the polyorganosiloxanes lower the extrusion temperature of the composition.

61. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, where the composition further comprises one or more titanates, zirconates, or a mixture thereof.

62. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, wherein the composition comprises one or more titanates, zirconates, or a mixture thereof, in an amount from about 0.01 to about 3 wt.%.

63. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 50, further comprising one or more polyolefins.

64. (Currently amended) A method for forming a melt extrudate, the method comprising extruding a composition through a die of an extruder, the composition comprising one or more elastomeric styrenic block copolymers ~~selected from the group consisting of styrenic triblock copolymers, styrenic tetrablock copolymers, and combinations thereof~~, wherein the elastomeric polymers constitute about 50 wt.% or more of the composition, the composition further comprising one or more polyorganosiloxanes having the following formula:



wherein,

R is an alkyl radical;

R¹ is a monovalent organic radical comprising an ethylene oxide group, vicinal epoxy group, or amino group; and

x and y are independently selected from the group consisting of positive integers.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein one or more of the elastomeric polymers has a styrenic endblock.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition contains one or more styrenic triblock copolymers.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the styrenic triblock copolymers are selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene block copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene block copolymers, and combinations thereof.

68. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition contains one or more styrenic tetrablock copolymers.

69. (Previously presented) The method of claim 68, wherein the styrenic tetrablock copolymers are selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene/propylene-styrene-ethylene/propylene block copolymers, styrene-ethylene/butylene-styrene-ethylene/butylene block copolymers, and combinations thereof.

70. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the polyorganosiloxanes comprise from about 0.01 to about 0.5 wt.% of the composition.

71. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein extrusion occurs at a temperature that is less than the extrusion temperature that would otherwise be required without the polyorganosiloxanes.

72. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, where the composition further comprises one or more titanates, zirconates, or a mixture thereof.

73. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition is extruded from the die onto a roller positioned at a canted angle relative to the die.

74. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the extruded composition is stretched using a series of vertically disposed rollers.

75. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the composition is extruded at a temperature of from about 260°F to about 460°F.

76. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the extruded composition is in the form of continuous filaments.

77. (Previously presented) The method of claim 76, further comprising laminating the continuous filaments to one or more sheet materials.

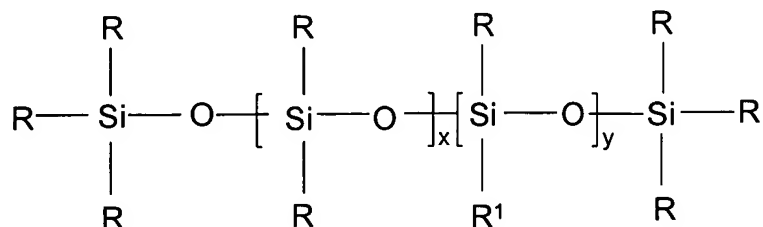
78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the sheet materials are nonwoven webs.

79. (Previously presented) The method of claim 78, wherein the continuous filaments are laminated to one or more spunbond webs.

80. (Previously presented) A melt extrudable composition comprising:

one or more elastomeric styrenic block copolymers;

one or more polyorganosiloxanes having the following formula:



wherein,

R is an alkyl radical;

R¹ is a monovalent organic radical comprising an ethylene oxide group, vicinal epoxy group, or amino group; and

x and y are independently selected from the group consisting of positive integers;
and

one or more titanates, zirconates, or a mixture thereof.

81. (Previously presented) The melt extrudable composition of claim 73, wherein the titanates, zirconates, or mixture thereof, is present in the composition in an amount from about 0.01 to about 3 wt.%.